STARS for KIDS NOW CHILD CARE QUALITY RATING SYSTEM STANDARDS
LICENSED TYPE I CENTERS

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	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Ratios	1. Current Licensing standards Age / Ratio / Group Size 0-1 / 1:5 / 10 1-2 / 1:6 / 12 2-3 / 1:10 / 20 3-4 / 1:12 / 24 4-5 / 1:14 / 28 5-7 / 1:15 / 30 7 and older *(before and after school)* / 1:25 / 30 full day care - 1:20 / 30 2. Staff to child ratios posted prominently in each classroom	1. Current Licensing standards Age / Ratio / Group Size 0-1 / 1:5 / 10 1-2 / 1:6 / 12 2-3 / 1:10 / 20 3-4 / 1:12 / 24 4-5 / 1:14 / 28 5-7 / 1:15 / 30 7 and older *(before and after school)* / 1:25 / 30 full day care - 1:20 / 30 2. Staff to child ratios posted prominently in each classroom	1. Age / Ratio / Group Size 0 - 1 / 1:4 / 8 1 - 2 / 1:5 / 10 2 - 3 / 1:8 / 16 3 - 4 / 1:11 / 22 4 - 6 / 1:12 / 24 6 -12 / 1:14 / 28 2. Required staff to child ratios posted prominently in each classroom	1. Staff/Child ratios consistent with National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) recommendations *(Ratios vary according to group size)* 2. Required child to caregiver ratios posted prominently in each classroom
Curriculum	3. Current licensing standards 4. Complete STARS for KIDS NOW Overview including Environment Rating Scales (ERS) information 5. Plan of program activities posted 6. Daily schedule posted 7. At least one family involvement activity annually 8. Agree to complete ERS at each applicable age level within 12 months, no minimum score 9. 2nd year: **written** ERS improvement plan	Requirements 3-7 in Level 1 **plus:** 3. One additional family involvement activity annually *(total of 2)* 4. A **written** plan for family involvement 5. Has completed all applicable Environment Rating Scales (ERS), average score of **3** 6. Develop annual **written** ERS improvement plan with assistance, if requested, from Cabinet or its designee 7. Maintain a minimum average ERS score of **4** by 4th year and beyond	Level 2 requirements **plus**: 3. One additional family involvement activity annually *(total of 3)* 4. Documented family feedback procedure used annually 5. Average program score of **4.5** on applicable ERS	Level 3 requirements **plus:** 3. One additional family involvement activity annually *(total of 4)* 4. Average program score of **6** on ERS 5. Accreditation by Early Childhood Authority approved accrediting organization
Training	10. Current Licensing standards 11. Create and implement individual staff development plans for all staff annually 12. Introduction to the KY Early Childhood Development Scholarship program	Level 1 requirements **plus:** 8. Center offers staff opportunity to participate in KY Early Childhood Development Scholarship Program, if eligible 9. 15 clock hours annually of early care and education training approved by the cabinet or its designee 10. *Director:* 18 clock hours annually of early care and education training approved by the cabinet or its designee	Level 2 requirements **plus:** 6. *Staff:* **50%** of teaching staff have entry level credential or higher; **and 50%** of staff working with children have current CPR/First Aid training 7. *Director:* 24 clock hours of training annually **and** CDA or Director Credential or Montessori Certificate or A.A. (or higher) in Early Childhood/Related degree 8. For 75% of program hours, director or person on-site responsible for daily supervision of program and staff must have CDA or higher.	Level 3 requirements **plus:** 6. *Staff:* Minimum of one CDA or higher in each classroom during all hours of operation 7. *Director*: Meets approved national accrediting organization requirements **and** 24 clock hours of training annually **and** has a Kentucky Director's Credential
Regulatory Compliance	Current license in good standing	Current license in good standing	Current license in good standing	Current license in good standing
Personnel	All staff receive In-House STARS for KIDS NOW Overview covering: • licensing regulations • STARS for KIDS NOW standards • Environment Rating Scales • KY Early Childhood Development Scholarship program	Level 1 **plus:** • written standardized staff evaluations annually	Level 2 **plus:** • minimum of 6 days paid leave/year • minimum of 11 days paid leave time after 1 year	Level 3 requirements **To qualify for Enhancement Award:** • health insurance available; program pays no less than 50% single plan for full-time employees